

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, MARCH 7TH, 1864, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair ;
and the following members:

Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Colley, Cook, Emerson, S. A.
Fletcher, Jr., Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb,
Staub and Thompson—14.

Absent—Councilmen Blake, Coburn, and H. A. Fletcher—3.

The proceedings of the regular session, held February 15, 1864,
were read and approved.

By Mr. Haughey—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 1st, 1864.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

The undersigned, resident property holders on Delaware street,
between St. Clair street and the Corporation line north, respect-
fully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing
for the improvement of said street, between the limits aforesaid,
by grading and graveling.

H. LIEBER,
F. H. TAPKING,
CHARLES BALS,
And others.

Which, on motion of Mr. Haughey, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with instructions to report an ordinance.

By Mr. Brown—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 7th, 1864.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

The undersigned, in behalf of the property holders on Maryland street, between Illinois and Meridian streets, would respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance for lighting said street. The mains are down.

J. F. RAMSEY.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Gas.

By Mr. Haughey—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 29th, 1864.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

The undersigned bought at a tax sale Lots Nos. 107 and 108 in out-lot 55, February 7th, 1863 ; since then it has been ascertained that the said property has been forfeited to the State for money loaned in College Fund. Your petitioner would ask that the amount paid by me to the City, and interest, \$22 20, be refunded. I herewith enclose you the certificate of sale.

SAMUEL DELZELL.

On motion of Mr. Haughey, the prayer of the petitioner was granted, and the City Clerk directed to issue his warrant upon the treasury for the amount.

By Mr. McNabb—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 7th, 1864.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

The undersigned would most respectfully petition your honorable body, to grant him the privilege of removing his office, on Illinois street, between Georgia and Maryland streets, and erecting a more suitable frame building in its place.

Dr. HOWARD.

Which, on motion, was laid upon the table.

By Mr. Haughey—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 7th, 1864.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

The undersigned would respectfully petition that he be allowed to build a brick vault under the sidewalk, opposite his residence on Fort Wayne Avenue, near Delaware street.

ABIJAH TAYLOR.

On motion, the prayer of the petitioner was granted, provided

he construct said vault in compliance with the provisions of the ordinance regulating the same.

Mr. McNabb presented a petition from Hugh Slavin, asking the Council to pay him for a horse which died from injuries received by falling on the icy streets, when hauling wood for the poor.

Which, on motion, was laid upon the table.

By Dr. Jameson—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 7th, 1864.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Your petitioner, Caleb B. Tharp, respectfully represents, that he is the owner of part of lots Nos. 16 and 17, in out-lot No. 177, situate on the south-east corner of Alabama street and Fort Wayne Avenue, Indianapolis ; that said lot fronts on said avenue 86½ feet, and is not graded ; your petitioner makes this petition for the purpose of obtaining permission from your honorable body to grade and gravel the sidewalk in front of his lot above described ; and prays that said permit be granted as soon as possible.

C. B. THARP.

On motion of Mr. Colley, the prayer of the petitioner was granted.

By Mr. Haughey—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 7th, 1864.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Your subscriber would respectfully represent that by error, personal property belonging to Fletcher & Beeler, to the amount of six thousand dollars was returned upon statement No. 1 of my effects, made February 9, 1864. That the same was the estimated value of the nursery belonging to myself and Mr. G. M. Beeler ; that Mr. Beeler is and has been a non-resident of the City.

C. FLETCHER, Jr.

On motion of Mr. Haughey, the City Clerk was directed to issue an order in favor of C. Fletcher, Jr., for the sum of twenty-four dollars for tax on one-half of \$6000 personal property, being a nursery, when said Beeler presents an affidavit that one-half of said property belongs to him, a non-resident of the City.

By Mr. Brown—Petition :

CAMP CARRINGTON, March 7th, 1864.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

I respectfully petition your honorable body in behalf of the veteran soldiers of the 17th Indiana Regiment, who are accredited to the City of Indianapolis, as part of its quota subject to draft.

That they be paid such bounties as have been given by the City for those who have heretofore enlisted and credited accordingly.

I am, sirs, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. T. WILDER, *Col. 17th Ind.*

Mr. Brown moved that the petition be referred to a special committee of five; and that when the Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet on to-morrow night, (Tuesday, the 8th inst.,) at 7½ o'clock.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Haughey, President, *pro tem.*, in the chair, appointed as such special committee Austin H. Brown, Mayor Caven, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., Dr. P. H. Jameson and Stephen McNabb.

Dr. George W. Mears, President of the Board of Health, reported to the Council in regard to the health of the City. That there were a few cases of small pox which they had in the pest-house, which they had erected for that purpose. But that there was no occasion for any alarm about the disease, as by the prompt action of the Board of Health and the city authorities, it is now under complete control. He also reported several bills for sundries furnished the pest-house.

On motion, the report was received, and the bills referred to the Committee on Accounts.

By Mr. Haughey, Chairman Finance Committee:

INDIANAPOLIS, March 7, 1864.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen—The Finance Committee respectfully recommend the following erroneous taxes be refunded:

To Joseph K. English, City Treasurer, as follows, to-wit:

Double assessment of delinquent taxes against lots 27 and 28, in Stumph's subdivision, out lot 44, in name of I. P. & C. R. R. Co.....	\$1 93
Double assessment for 1863, against north half of lot 1, in square 78, in name of Jeremiah Warren.....	5 20
Double assessment for 1862, delinquent, against 25 by 150 feet, south east from north west corner of out lot No. 402, in name of William Hencher.....	5 19
Erroneous assessment against improvement for 1863, on lot 8, out-lot 104, in name of S. Grieshaber, assessed for \$1000, should be \$100.....	7 20
Double assessment for 1862, against west half of lot 5 in Adamson's sub. out-lot 4 in the name of H. L. and W. H. Bennett.....	11 21
Amount carried forward.....	\$30 73

Amount brought forward.....	\$30 73
Double assessment against north three-quarters of lot 54, in out-lot 28, for 1863, in name of A. A. Hammond.....	0 96
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	\$31 69

THEODORE P. HAUGHEY, }
 HENRY COBURN, } *Committee.*
 H. A. FLETCHER, }

On motion, the report was concurred in, and the City Clerk directed to issue his warrant on the treasury for the amounts.

By Mr. S. A. Fletcher, Jr., Chairman Committee on Accounts:

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That the following named persons be allowed the amounts set opposite their respective names, from any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, as follows:

George Taffe, police.....	\$50 75
George W. Luckey, police.....	19 25
George Smock, police.....	22 75
William W. Loucks, police.....	50 75
Thomas D. Amos, police.....	26 25
Hannibal Taffe, police.....	50 75
Joseph Charles, police.....	26 25
William Williams, police.....	50 75
Robert Redmond, police.....	50 75
William Brunnemer, police.....	50 75
William S. Johnson, police.....	50 75
James Stewart, police.....	22 75
Samuel Buser, police.....	47 25
Frederick Lang, police.....	14 00
Henry Paul, police.....	50 75
Stephen Wilson, police.....	50 75
H. S. Adams, police.....	50 75
Andrew Unversaw, police.....	43 75
J. W. Bradley, police.....	50 75
Able E. Catterson, police.....	45 50
Jonathan Gray, police.....	50 75
D. I. Thompson, police.....	50 75
Jesse T. Murphy, police.....	26 25
George Thomas, police.....	50 75
Hugh Kegan, police.....	47 25
William Covert, police.....	22 75
Frank Ford, police.....	7 00
David Hays, police.....	7 00

Amount carried forward.....	<hr/>	\$1088 50
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Amount brought forward.....	\$1088 50
Levi Wilmington, police.....	19 25
George Williams, police.....	84 00
Robert B. Barbee, police.....	50 75
William Bretney, police.....	50 75
Joseph P. Duvall, police.....	50 75
M. W. E. Doran, police.....	50 75
Jacob B. Power, police.....	50 75
William Oyler, police.....	50 75
John S. Bray, police.....	50 75
David Powell, police.....	30 00
T. M. Curtis, fire department.....	62 50
William McDougal, fire department.....	58 00
August Nagel, fire department.....	58 00
Frederick Lang, fire department.....	42 00
Charles E. Curtis, fire department.....	75 00
E. H. Webster, fire department.....	58 00
John Foudray, Jr., fire department.....	58 00
William Dawson, fire department.....	58 00
Daniel Glazier, fire department.....	75 00
John Schiedler, fire department.....	58 00
Orrin Tuttle, fire department.....	58 00
William Miller, fire department.....	58 00
George Kentzell, fire department.....	58 00
Charles W. Rhoads, fire department.....	58 00
Lafayette Doughty, fire department.....	58 00
Charles Glazier, fire department.....	158 94
Stewart & Morgan, fire department.....	7 93
I. L. Frankem, fire department.....	43 85
J. D. Smith, fire department.....	6 00
Indianapolis Journal Company, printing.....	744 85
Elder, Harkness & Bingham, printing.....	21 20
C. S. Butterfield, specific.....	3 00
J. H. Ross, specific.....	55 00
Munson & Johnson, specific.....	68 67
F. M. Herron, town clock.....	50 00
F. M. Herron, town clock.....	16 66
W. J. H. Robinson, jail expenses.....	410 00
Bowen Stewart & Co, books and stationary.....	23 85
William Braden, books and stationary.....	87 02
James G. Douglass, books and stationary.....	26 25
James G. Douglass, books and stationary.....	12 00
James G. Douglass, books and stationary.....	83 50
Joseph K. English, percentage.....	663 79
Joseph K. English, interest paid on orders.....	266 95
Coburn & Jones, bridges.....	603 98
Micheal Shea, street improvements.....	49 50
Amount carried forward.....	<hr/> \$5872 44

Amount brought forward.....	\$5872 1/4
Alexander Wood, street improvements.....	49 50
Charles Richmann, fire department.....	9 00
Cox, Lord & Peck, gas fixtures.....	66 07
D. Root & Co, gas fixtures.....	40 83
Coburn & Jones, pest-house.....	146 23
James M. Ray, street repairs.....	13 20
Thomas Wren, street repairs.....	51 00
Hill & Wingate, street repairs.....	6 65
William Cowan, street repairs.....	3 50
David Siebert, fire department.....	40 00
William Boaz, Jr., hauling wood to poor.....	90 00
William Boaz, Sr., distributing wood to poor.....	62 30
Thomas Shoaf, hauling wood to poor.....	3 00
Henry Coburn, hauling wood to poor.....	18 00
David Brouse, hauling wood to poor.....	6 00
John Burns, hauling wood to poor.....	33 00
R. B. Emerson, pest house.....	9 07
Hugh Slavin, hauling wood to poor.....	82 50
B. Condit, school fund.....	51 90
Cyrus W. Catterson, distributing wood to poor.....	21 00
H. Siebert, street repairs.....	12 30
Joseph K. English, percentage on collections from other sources than taxes, from May 12th, 1861, to Febru- ary 12th, 1864.....	559 02
Bennett Brooks, estimate on bridge across Noble street, at crossing of I. & C. Railroad.....	875 00
John G. Waters, specific.....	150 00
Richard Heninger, printing.....	61 50
Deloss Root & Company, pest house.....	82 85
R. B. Emerson, pest house.....	306 14
John Caven, pest house.....	9 00
William Wood two-third contract price of cistern at intersection of North and Blackford streets.....	316 76
Total.....	<u>\$9047 76</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Police.....	\$1577 00
Fire Department.....	1158 22
Bridges.....	1478 98
Percentage.....	1222 81
Specific.....	592 47
Pest House.....	553 29
Printing.....	827 55
Interest paid on Orders.....	266 95
Amount carried forward.....	<u>\$7677 27</u>

Amount brought forward.....	\$7677 27
Books and Stationary.....	232 62
Jail expenses.....	410 00
Gas Fixtures.....	106 90
Street improvements.....	99 00
Street repairs.....	86 65
Town Clock.....	66 66
School Fund.....	51 90
Cisterns.....	316 76
Total.....	<u>\$9047 76</u>

SEC. 2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City Treasury to the persons named, and for the amounts as set forth specifically in section first of this ordinance.

SEC. 3. This ordinance to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and established this 7th day of March, 1864.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

Attest:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.

The ordinance was read a first time, and on motion of Mr. S. A. Fletcher, Jr., was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Allen then moved that the rules be suspended, and the ordinance read a third time now.

The question being on the suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Cook, Colley, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb and Thompson—13. Noes, none.

So the rules were suspended, and the ordinance read a third time.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Cook, Colley, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb and Thompson—13. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

By Mr. Brown, Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 7th, 1864.

Mr. President—The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Donmeyer, asking the privi-

lege of stationing a horse power near the crossing of Meridian and Georgia streets, report against granting the privilege asked.

AUSTIN H. BROWN, }
WILLIAM COOK, } *Committee.*

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

By Mr. Brown, Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys:

INDIANAPOLIS, March 7th, 1864.

Mr. President—The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of A. R. Hyde and others, beg leave to report the following motion, and recommend its adoption.

AUSTIN H. BROWN, }
WILLIAM COOK, } *Committee.*

Motion—That, with the consent of the contractor and the property holders, the owners of a frame stable now standing about two feet over the front line of the alley running east and west through square 61, and on the sidewalk contemplated by the ordinance for improving said alley, be allowed to continue said building on its present site for two years.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Brown—Sealed Proposals:

For furnishing and erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Illinois street, between the north side of North street, and the north side of St. Clair street: Cox, Lord & Peck, at \$42 00 per post; security, Jacob Cox. Deloss Root & Co., at \$35 00 per post; security, Nelson Kingman.

Which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Gas.

By Mr. Haughey—Motion:

That the City Clerk be directed to withhold all orders due the contractors for erecting gas-posts, until the street upon which said posts are erected are properly filled, to the satisfaction of the Street Commissioner.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Colley, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*